Linear Image Processing and Filtering

- Math of 2-d linear systems
- Separability
- Shift-invariant linear systems, 2-d convolution
- Integral image for fast box-filtering
- 2-d frequency response
- Blurring and sharpening
- Zoneplate
- Image sampling/aliasing
- Wiener filtering
- Nonlinear noise reduction/sharpening





Linear image processing

Image processing system S(.) is linear, iff superposition principle holds:

$$S(\alpha \cdot f[x, y] + \beta \cdot g[x, y]) = \alpha \cdot S(f[x, y]) + \beta \cdot S(g[x, y]) \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Any linear image processing system can be written as

$$\vec{g} = H\vec{f}$$

<u>Note:</u> matrix *H* need not be square.

by sorting pixels into a column vector

 $\vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{f} \\ f \begin{bmatrix} 0,0 \end{bmatrix} & f \begin{bmatrix} 1,0 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & f \begin{bmatrix} N-1,0 \end{bmatrix} & f \begin{bmatrix} 0,1 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & f \begin{bmatrix} N-1,1 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & \cdots & f \begin{bmatrix} 0,L-1 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & f \begin{bmatrix} N-1,L-1 \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix}^T$

Impulse response

Another way to represent any linear image processing scheme

$$g[\alpha,\beta] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} f[x,y] \cdot h[x,\alpha,y,\beta]$$

impulse response

Input: unit impulse at pixel [a,b]

$$f[x, y] = \delta[x - a, y - b] = \begin{cases} 1 & x = a \land y = b \\ 0 & else \end{cases}$$

Output: impulse response

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} \delta\left[x-a, y-b\right] \cdot h\left[x,\alpha, y,\beta\right] = h\left[a,\alpha,b,\beta\right]$$

Interpretation #1: superposition of impulse responses



Interpretation #2: linear combination of input values

Relationship of *H* and $h[x,\alpha,y,\beta]$

Separable linear image processing

• Impulse response is separable in $[x, \alpha]$ and $[y, \beta]$, i.e., can be written as

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} f\left[x,y\right] \cdot h_x\left[x,\alpha\right] h_y\left[y,\beta\right]$$

- Processing can be carried out
 - row by row, then column by column

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} h_y\left[y,\beta\right] \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} f\left[x,y\right] \cdot h_x\left[x,\alpha\right]$$

• column by column, then row by row

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} h_x\left[x,\alpha\right] \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} f\left[x,y\right] \cdot h_y\left[y,\beta\right]$$

Separable linear image processing (cont.)

If the digital input and output images are written as a matrices f and g, we can conveniently write

- Output image **g** has size $L_g \times N_g$
- If the operator does not change image size, H_x and H_y are square matrices

Example: Separable Haar transform

256x256 Haar transform $H_x=H_y=Hr_{256}$

Original Bike

256x256

Haar transform

Haar transform matrix for sizes N=2,4,8

- Can be computed by taking sums and differences
- Fast algorithms by recursively applying Hr₂

Example: Subsampling

- Image subsampling 2:1 horizontally and vertically
- Small input image of size 8x8, output image size 4x4

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Subsampling (cont.)

• A somewhat better technique for 2:1 image size reduction

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Side by side comparison

Another example: filtering

Each pixel is replaced by the average of two horizontally (vertically) neighboring pixels
[0.5 0 ... 0]

 $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & \ddots & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & & 0.5 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & & \cdots & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

Shift-invariant operation (except for image boundary)

Shift-invariant systems and Toeplitz matrices

• For a separable, shift-invariant, linear system

$$h_x[x,\alpha] = h_{siv/x}[\alpha - x]$$
 and $h_y[y,\beta] = h_{siv/y}[\beta - y]$

Matrices H_x and H_y are square, and Toeplitz matrices, e.g.,

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} N-1 \end{bmatrix} \\ h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} -1 \end{bmatrix} & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} N-2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 1-N \end{bmatrix} & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 2-N \end{bmatrix} & \cdots & h_{siv/x} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Operation is a 2-d separable convolution ("filtering")

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} f\left[x,y\right] \cdot h_{siv/x}\left[\alpha-x\right] h_{siv/y}\left[\beta-y\right]$$

Non-separable 2-d convolution

 Convolution kernel of linear shift-invariant system ("filter") can also be non-separable

$$g\left[\alpha,\beta\right] = \sum_{x=0}^{N-1} \sum_{y=0}^{L-1} f\left[x,y\right] \cdot h_{siv}\left[\alpha-x,\beta-y\right]$$

Viewed as a matrix operation . . .

$$\vec{g} = H\vec{f}$$

 \dots *H* is a block Toeplitz matrix

Structure of *H* for non-separable convolution

Convolution: superposition of impulse responses

Convolution: linear combination of neighboring pixel values

Convolution examples

Original *Bike*

Bike blurred by convolution Impulse response "box filter"

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Convolution examples

Original *Bike*

Bike blurred horizontally Filter impulse response

$$\frac{1}{5}\left(\begin{array}{rrrr}1 & 1 & [1] & 1 & 1\end{array}\right)$$

Convolution examples

Original *Bike*

Bike blurred vertically Filter impulse response

Integral image

$$j[x, y] = j[x, y-1] + f[x, y]$$
$$i[x, y] = i[x-1, y] + j[x, y]$$

f[x,y]

 $i[x, y] = \sum_{u=0}^{x} \sum_{v=0}^{y} f[u, v]$

Box filtering with integral image

Sum = A + B - C - D

Gaussian filtering by repeated box filtering

- Approximate convolution with Gaussian kernel by convolution with box kernel, repeated N times
- Convolution with box kernel can be computed efficiently using integral image

Gaussian filtering by repeated box filtering

Original image 500x500

Gaussian filtered $\sigma = 20, 81x81$ kernel

Direct implementation: 6561 multiplications and 6560 additions per pixel

x-y separable filtering:162 multiplications and160 additions per pixel

20 additions or subtractions per pixel

Box filtered after N = 1

Box filtered

after N = 2

Box filtered after N = 3

Box filtered after N = 4

1-d discrete-time Fourier transform

- Given a 1-d sequence s[k], $k \in \mathbb{Z} = \{..., -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$
- Fourier transform

$$S(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} s[k]e^{-j\omega k} \qquad \omega \in \Re$$

- Fourier transform is periodic with 2π
- Inverse Fourier transform

$$s[k] = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S(e^{j\omega}) e^{j\omega k} d\omega$$

2-d discrete-space Fourier transform

Given a 2-d array of image samples

$$s[m,n], m,n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$$

Fourier transform

$$S\left(e^{j\omega_{x}}, e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} s[m, n] e^{-j\omega_{x}m - j\omega_{y}n} \qquad \omega_{x}, \omega_{y} \in \Re^{2}$$

- Fourier transform is 2π -periodic both in ω_x and ω_y
- Inverse Fourier transform

$$s[m,n] = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} S\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) e^{j\omega_x m + j\omega_y n} d\omega_x d\omega_y$$

5x5 box filter revisited

Original *E Bike* Ir

Bike blurred by convolution Impulse response "box filter"

Frequency response of 5x5 lowpass filter

Horizontal lowpass filter

Bike blurred horizontally Filter impulse response $\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & [1] & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) = \frac{1}{5}\left(1 + 2\cos\omega_x + 2\cos(2\omega_x)\right)$$

Vertical lowpass filter

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) = \frac{1}{5}\left(1 + 2\cos\omega_y + 2\cos(2\omega_y)\right)$$

Sharpening filter

Original *Bike*

Bike sharpened Filter impulse response

Frequency response of sharpening filter

More aggressive sharpening

Bike sharpened Filter impulse response

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & [5] & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) = 5 - 2\cos\omega_x - 2\cos\omega_y$$

Zoneplate pattern to visualize frequency plane

Equation to generate pattern: $s(x, y) = \hat{s} \cos(a_x x^2 + a_y y^2) + s_0$ Local frequency at (x, y) $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (a_x x^2 + a_y y^2) = 2a_x x$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} (a_x x^2 + a_y y^2) = 2a_y y$

$$s[x, y] \xrightarrow{\text{interpolation}} s(x, y)$$

Sampling interpretation of 2-d discrete-space Fourier transform

How is the Fourier transform of s[m,n] related to the Fourier transform of the continuous signal

Continuous-space 2-d Fourier transform

$$\widehat{S}\left(\omega_{x},\omega_{y}\right) = \iint_{x} \sum_{y} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} s[m,n] \,\delta_{2}\left(x-m, y-n\right) e^{-j\omega_{x}x-j\omega_{y}y} dxdy$$
$$= \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} s[m,n] e^{-j\omega_{x}m-j\omega_{y}n} = S\left(e^{j\omega_{x}}, e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)$$

Lowpass filtering

Lowpass filtered with 5x5 box filter

Horizontal/vertical 2:1 subsampling without prefiltering

Horizontal/vertical 2:1 subsampling with prefiltering

2d impulse response

Image magnification (10%)

Nearest neighbor interpolation

Bilinear interpolation

Image deconvolution

- Given an image f [x,y] that is a blurred version of original image s[x,y], recover the original image.
- Assume linear shift-invariant blur, transfer function $B(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$

Naive solution: inverse filter

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \frac{1}{B\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}$$

• Problem: $B(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$ might be zero, noise amplification

Naïve deconvolution

Wiener filtering

Model

- Minimize mean squared estimation error $E\left\{e^{2}[x, y]\right\} = E\left\{\left(g[x, y] - s[x, y]\right)^{2}\right\} \xrightarrow{H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}}, e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)} \min .$
- Power spectral density of estimation error

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{ee}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) &= \Phi_{gg}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) - \Phi_{gs}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) - \Phi_{sg}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) + \Phi_{ss}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) \\ &= \Phi_{ff}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) H^{*}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) - \Phi_{fs}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) \\ &- \Phi_{sf}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) H^{*}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) + \Phi_{ss}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) \end{split}$$

Review: Power spectrum and cross spectrum

2-d discrete-space cross correlation function for ergodic, stationary signals

$$\varphi_{fg}\left[m,n\right] = E\left\{f\left[x+m,y+n\right]g^{*}\left[x,y\right]\right\}$$

Special case: autocorrelation function

$$\varphi_{ff}[m,n] = E\left\{f\left[x+m, y+n\right]f^{*}[x, y]\right\}$$

Cross spectral density

$$\Phi_{fg}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}\varphi_{fg}\left[m,n\right]e^{-j\omega_{x}m-j\omega_{y}n}$$

Power spectral density

$$\Phi_{ff}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty}\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}\varphi_{ff}\left[m,n\right]e^{-j\omega_{x}m-j\omega_{y}n}$$

Wiener filtering (cont.)

• Power spectrum Φ_{ee} is minimized separately at each frequency ω_x, ω_y if

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \frac{\Phi_{fs}^{*}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}{\Phi_{ff}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)} = \frac{\Phi_{sf}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}{\Phi_{ff}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}$$

Can be shown to be global minimum by considering filter

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \frac{\Phi_{fs}^{*}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}{\Phi_{ff}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)} + \Delta H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)$$

Wiener filter for linear distortion and additive noise

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Add. white noise, rms = 2.5

Blurred w/ $B(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$

Wiener Filter

Wiener filter for additive noise

$$H\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) = \frac{\Phi_{ss}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}{\Phi_{ss}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right) + \Phi_{nn}\left(e^{j\omega_{x}},e^{j\omega_{y}}\right)}$$

Wiener filter for additive noise

Original

Additive white noise

rms = 17.7

Noise reduction by Wiener filtering

$$rms = 8.8$$

Nonlinear noise reduction/sharpening

- Noise reduction: smooth the image, lowpass filtering
- Deblurring: sharpen edges, highpass filtering
- How can both be achieved simultaneously?
- Key insight: large amplitude of highpass filtered image indicates presence of edge

Can be extended to multiple HPFs

Nonlinear noise reduction/sharpening (cont.)

• Flat areas: $\alpha \approx 0 \rightarrow H(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) \approx 1 - Z_1(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) - Z_2(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$

• f_1 small; f_2 large: $H(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) \approx 1 - Z_1(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) + (m-1)Z_2(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$

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$$f_1$$
 large; f_2 small: $H(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) \approx 1 + (m-1)Z_1(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}) - Z_2(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y})$

• Both large: $H\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) \approx 1 + (m-1)\left[Z_1\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right) + Z_2\left(e^{j\omega_x}, e^{j\omega_y}\right)\right]$

Nonlinear noise reduction/sharpening example

blurred, noisy image

noise-reduced and sharpened

Highpass filtered images

log magnitude of image filtered with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.5 & [1] & -0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{log magnitude of} \\ \text{image filtered with} \\ \begin{pmatrix} -0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & [1] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$

log magnitude of image filtered with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -0.5 \\ 0 & [1] & 0 \\ -0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Soft coring function

Soft coring of highpass filtered images

Linear vs. nonlinear noise reduction/sharpening

Noise reduction by lowpass filter (linear)

Sharpening by highpass filter (linear)

Combined noise reduction and sharpening (nonlinear)

